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Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union.

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- Previous papers early.

Sd/- Md. I.

A.C. II

P.P. submitted below.

27/1.

I.C.S.B

Please put up a precis.

Sd/- Md. I.
27/1.

Done & attached
C. Burman 28/1/41.
√ Office

Note - [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ in D. [illegible].
28/1

SI. S. Haque

Re: orders noted by you before on 4/2/41, no report received yet.

19/2

Report at p.f. 3 may kindly be perused -
S. S. Haque
SI SB 19/2

√ I.C.S.B
28/1

√ SI. S. Haque
4/2

SI SS Haque
pl see p3
4/2

Noted S. S. Haque SI SB
4/2

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A.C. II

With reference to the orders of D.C. II at p. 3. please see the officer's remarks therein.

D.C. II may see.

19/2

D.C.

Perusal of D.C.'s query on p 3 + the officer's reply below

S.I. S.S. Haq to report development

20/2

20/2

Report of S.I. H.P. Sen Dy. 12.3.41 at ps 11/9.

A.C. II

Perusal of ps. 11/9 with reference to your orders at "A" on the margin. As suggested by the officer I. C.S.B. may report further developments.

14/3

17/3.

The election contest of the two rival unions will take place on 22/3/41 at 5/30 P.M. at Kankurgachi Park. Further developments are being watched.

17/3/41

F.R. awaited

18/3

S.I. S. Haq

20/2

noted

20/2

S.I. S. Haq

Your F.R. please.

27/2

No information from agent yet. We expect labour O.O. [illegible] report development [illegible] for open [illegible].

28/2

A

28/2

S.I. H.P.S.

28/2

noted

28/2

1st. Remd.

H.P.S. Your report awaited

11/3.

Report [illegible]

14/3

I. C.S.B.

19/3.

C.S.B.

19/3

Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union.

~~Ha~~ Head Office - 98/10 Russa Road.

The union was formed sometime in November 1940 under the guidance of Nabajoyti Burman and was connected with the Bengal National Chamber of Labour. As claimed by Nabajyoti Burman, this union was started by him under the to instructions ~~of~~ from Hon'ble Minister of C + L, Bengal for the purpose of giving relief to the workers who were being agitated by the Red organisers.

In 1941, the union organised

Monmohan is Monmohan De s/o Dr. Bhuban Mohan De of vill: Ranamati, P.O. & P.S. Jhalakati, Dist. Barisal and of 55 Simla Road, Calcutta. He was the Secy. of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union (1941) and is at present a prominent leader of the Union.

10/8.

D.C. 2
Perusal with reference to your orders [illegible]. Both of them are known. F.R. is awaited.

J.R.B. 11/8

[illegible] 10/8

✓ S.I. D.N.M. 11/8.

12/8.

✓ 1st Remd:
S.I. D.N.M. Your report is still awaited /pl.
19/8.

24/8

2nd Remd: S.I. D.N.M. your is still awaited please. 23/8.

4/9

58. Report of S.I. D.N. Mallik dated 4.9.42.

A.C. II Perusal of 58 with reference to orders at the bottom of 57 and notes above.

8/9.

✓ S.I. D.N.M.
What is the situation now?

9/9

S.I. D.N.M.
10/9.

10/9.

1st Remd:
S.I. D.N.M. Your report is still awaited please.
17/9.

17/9

2nd Remd ✓
S.I. D.N.M. Your report is still awaited.
24/9

Since Submitted.
2/10

S.4844/40.

Bengal Chemical Majdur Union —
Office Bearers:— 1942-43.

✓President — Prof. Humayun Kabir M.L.C.

✓Vice President — Monmohan Dey.
Nikunja Mohan Banerji
Satish Chandra Bose.

Carded A.H.9

✓Secretary — Dhirendra Lal Chatterji (Dismissed worker)

Asstt. Secy. Sachin Ghosh.
Santosh Bose.
Rajendra Das Sarma.
Upen Mukherji.
Bankim Rout.

✓Treasurer — Kalidas Khasnobis.

Executive members 44.

SW 844/40

A.

B.

42A. ✓ Abdul Samad. – a worker of the Bengal Chemical & Phar. works (1942).

42A. ✓ Abdul Rahaman. – do.

42A. ✓ Adul Jalil – do.

42A. ✓ Abdul Sayed – s/o Md. Alimuddin of vill. Kunda, P.S. Nawabganj Dist. Dacca, and of 121, Baitakhana Road, Cal. an employee of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical works (1942).

42A. ✓ Adhikari – Siddhawar — an employee of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical works (1942)

73 ✓ Amizuddin — worker of B.C.P.W.

73. ✓ Abdul — worker of B.C.P.W.

B. Sw. 824/40

23.7A.12.15.16.17.29.30,34.
35.37.38.55.56.61 Burman - Nabajyoti ——— (E. D.)
President, Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union -
- (a note is at p.16 of File Sw. 824/40).

15. Bose - Dwijen ———
of the "All India Youths' League Maz
Front".

29. ✓ Barman, Makunda, of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union.

31. Bose, Subhas Ch. —

33. Bose, Mrinal Kanti —

41. 61. 72 73. ✓ Banerji - Nikunja Mohan - ———

57. ✓ Bhattacharji - Dhiren ——— a prominent leader of the Bengal Ch. Mazdur union -

57. ✓ Bose - Satish - a prominent leader of the Bengal Ch. Mazdur union (1942).

1. Chakravartti Nidhir — (C.P.I)

3. Chakrabartty - Sarat ——
President, Bengal Chemical Workers' U

29. Chakravarti, Nripendra Mohon, of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union.

29, 41. 55. 73. Chatarji, Dhirendra Lal, — Treasurer of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union. (1941)

57. Chatarji - Jiten ——
a prominent leader of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union (1942)

✓
1. Das Lakshmi Narain — (C.P.I)
a worker of the Bengal Ch. & Pharmaceutical works (194

✓
1. Dey Sudhir — (C.P.I)

INDEXED.
24. Das - Sukhendu ——— (C.P.I., Ing.)
S/o Anath of Khandah, Munshiganj, Dacca - a Student of St. Xavier's College - undergoing trial in connection with the Scavengers' Strike.

29.41D.42.57.61.63.72 ✓ De Mon Mohon - Secy. of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union (1941). S/o Dr. Bhuban Mohan De, of vill. Ranamati, P.O. & P.S. Jhalakati, Dist. Barisal and of 55, Simla Road, Cal - a prominent leader of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union.

29. ✓ De, Dhirendra Lal, of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union (194[illegible]).

✓
40. Das-Gupta - Manikanta ———
a dismissed packer of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical works (1941).

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42A.47.51.55.57.73. De. Parimal — a worker of the Bengal Ch. & Pharmaceutical works (1942). - S/o Late Sirish Ch. Dey of vill. Dogachi, Bikrampur, Dacca and of 18, Kedar Basu Lane, Cal - a prominent leader of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union (1942).

✓
42A. Das - Nanda Lal ——— a worker of the Bengal Ch. & Pharm. works (1942).

✓
42A. Das - Sashi Bhusan ——— - do.

✓
42A.51. Das - Annada Charan ———
S/o Late Krishna Charan Das of 13/1, Jamini Kaviraj Lane, Shambazar, Calcutta. - an employee of the Bengal Ch. & Pharmaceutical works (1942).

68. ✓ Das Sharma, Rajendra ———

1. ✓ Gholam Mohammad — (cf. 1)

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24.25. Guha - Ajit ———— (Pleader) Katurgachi

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24. Gupta - Parimal ———— S/o Kshirode of Gaila, Bakarganj

29.55.57. ✓ Ghose, Sachindra Mohan P. of Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union, an employee of the filling and sealing department of the B.C. & Pharmaceutical Works (1942)

32. Gupta, Sushil Kumar ————

42A. 44. ✓ Ghosh - Purna Ch. ———— s/o late Muktaram of Jamkia, P.S. Rajarhat, Dist. 24 Pargs. an employee of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works (1942)

42A. ✓ Ghosh - Muktaram ———— an employee of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works (1942).

56. ✓ Ghosh. Anil ————

Khursed ——— Works of B.C.W. ✓73.

L.

Lahiri, Ranajit. ✓69.

1. ✓ Mazumdar Murari — (Cl. 2)

1. ✓ Mustafi Amalendu — @ Sailen (Cl. 1)

INDEXED

3, 7A, 24. Mullick-Choudhury - Suhid Kumar ——— Secretary Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union.

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(24) Mandal - Khudiram ——— President of Pathanghata, P.S. Rajarhat, 24 Pargs.

29. ✓ Mukerjee, Achinta Kumar, of Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union.

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32, 33. Mahanti, Banamali —

42A. ✓ Mandal - Manmatha ——— an employee of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works (1942)

42A. ✓ Mandal - Krishna Charan ——— -do-.

42A. ✓ Mandal - Mahadeb ——— -do-.

67. ✓ Mukharji - Bankim ——— m. ZA.

R.

3. Road - 98/10, Russa ______
Office of the Bengal Mazdur Union (White).

42A. Rai - Panchanon ______
of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical works ([illegible])

P

✓

42A.405. Pramanik. Indra Ch. ______
a worker of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works (1942). - S/o Late Churamani Pramanik of vill. Rani-Gopalnagore, P.S. Bankura, Dist. Midnapore.

✓

55.56.57. Pramanik. Sudhir ______

1. Nandi Naren — (Cl. 1)

31.36 Neogy, Jnananjan.

31.36 Nandi, Manindra Nath — a former Secy., of Subhas Bose.

✓

(1.) Sen Kamal — (C.P.I)

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3. Sen - Sailen ——
Secy. Bengal Chemical Workers' Union.

INDEXED

7A. Sen - Dhirendra Nath ——

INDEXED

36.37. Sen, S.P. — Supdt., B.C.P.W. -

INDEXED

36.37. Sen, Biren —

✓

40. Strike. Stay-in —— on 25.11.41
of 500 workers of the Packing, despatch and P.M. Departments of the Bengal Chemical + Pharmaceutical Works, 168 Manicktolla Main Road, Cal.

✓

41. Sen - Rajen ——

✓

42A. Santra - Akrur Ch. ——
a worker of the Bengal Chemical + Phar. Works (1942).

✓

51.57. Sayed Ali L mistry a prominent member of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union and an employee of the Bengal Chemical + Phar. Works (1942)

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Ac²

Re: Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Workers' union
and Bengal Chemical Mazdoor union

In April 1940, The Communist Party
of India (Manicktala group) tried to organize
the workers of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceu-
-tical works over the question of war bonus.
Nothing tangible was done in the direction of
forming any union excepting that a meeting
of the workers was held on 2.4.40 over the said
question.

Some time in November 1940 two unions
were formed, viz, (1) Bengal Chemical and
Pharmaceutical workers' union patronized by the
management and located within the works,
and (2) The Bengal Chemical Majdoor union
organized by Nabajyoti Barman connected
with the Bengal National Chamber of Labour
(recognized by the Govt). As claimed by
Nabajyoti Barman, this union was started
by him under instructions from the Hon'ble Minister,
C & L, Bengal for the purpose of giving relief
to the workers who were being ~~[illegible]~~ exploited
by the Red agitators. The Head Office of this
union is situated at 98/10 Russa Road,
Tollygunj, having also a Branch Office at
Rajendra Lal Mitra Road, B Sarkar's market. This
union claims a membership of 1,500 as
against 80 in favour of the former union.

The Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical
Workers' union is practically defunct.

The Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union's
activities are summarized below:-

On 11.1.41 its Executive Committee adopted
resolutions condemning the dismissal of some workers
and demanding an increase in wages. As a
sequel to this about 50 men of the Carpentry
works refused to accept the wages on [illegible]

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21.1.41. They however accepted it on the assurance that the men would be reinstated.

In a meeting on 11.2.41 the union passed a resolution deciding to send a deputation to the management, ~~in a subsequent meeting~~ (~~[illegible]~~) which was received on 21.2.41. It was decided by the parties to have one union, instead of two, through an open election contest determining the support of the union. On seeing the delay of the management to implement the terms of agreement, the union in its meeting held at Kankurgachi Maidan (22.3.41) under the presidentship of Nabajyoti Barman, ~~[illegible]~~ gave a warning to the management to reply to their demands within a fortnight failing which they would take recourse to demonstrations and also propaganda for boycott of the Company's products.

On 5.4.41 the union organized a procession (700) under the guidance of Nabajyoti Barman and Dwijen Bose of the All India Youth League and displayed posters representing their grievances and demands.]

The facts above will show the present position of the two unions concerning this Company.]

With reference to the D. I. B's letter and note below it may be pointed out that there is nothing further on record regarding the activities of the Bengal Chemical Majdoor Union and of Nabajyoti Barman in this connection than what has been stated above.

The History sheet of Nabajyoti Barman is placed below.

V

With regard to para 2 of the Dr. I.B.'s letter, the report of Inspr. C.S. Barman may [illegible] be perused.

As regards the last para of the letter it may be said that Nabajyoti Barman has always been found to be connected with the activities of White, i.e., anti-red unions.

15/4/41

D.C.2.

Ref. Dr.I.B's letter at page 17 along with Inspr. C.S.Burman's report at pages 21-19 and W.W.'s note above with the History Sheet of Navajyoti Barman at pages 16

Nabajyoti Burman who was formerly an Anushilan member but not an ex-detenu is the organizer of the Bengal Chemical Majdoor Union (a White Union), and he has been taking leading part in the advancement of the cause of the workers of the Factory. It is said that he formed the organization under advice of the Hon'ble Minister, C & L to protect the interest of the workers against the exploitation of the Red-Unionists. At present his Union claims to have 1,500 members as against 80 of the Bengal Chemical Workers' Union controlled by the management.

It is reported that the following irregularities have of late been noticed by the management :-

(a) On 5.4.41 about 90 hands of the workshop at 168 Maniktala Main Road laid down their tools early, which was presumed to be the sequel of the circulation of a false rumour, by some mischief-monger, that the factory had been closed for the day.

(b) Disorder was noticed in the Chloroform manufacturing Plant at 168 Maniktala Main Road in production of Pure Chloroform. The experts have , however, failed to ascertain the reason thereof.

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(c) ~~The~~ Ether production at Panihati (24 Pargs) has diminished to a great extent on account of the intentional lethargy of the workers.

The Management admits that except in the case of ether ~~production~~ the production of all materials and chemicals have been uniform uptil now

The latest activities of Navajyoti Burman and his Union may be summed up as follows:-

1) On 11.1.41 the Executive Committee of his Union condemned the dismissal of some workers and demanded increment in wages which was followed by the refusal of some 50 hands of the Carpentry Deptt. to accept their wages. This, however, was settled on the assurance of the Management that the men would be reinstated.

2) On 21.2.41 a deputation waited on the Management and it was decided, inter alia, that there would be one Union, instead oftwo . There being delay in fulfilling the terms of agreement, a warning was given to the Management in a meeting at Kakurgachi Maidan on 22.3.41 to reply to their demands within a fortnight failing which they would take recourse to demonstration and other propaganda for the boycott of Company's products.

3) On 2.4.41 the workers of Panihati Factory went on strike for one night and Navajyoti Barman pursuaded them to resume work.

4) On 5.4.41 the ~~Management~~ Union organised a procession (700) jointly with Dwijen Bose, nephew of Subhas Bose, of the All India Youth League displaying posters representing their grievances and demands vide page flagged 'B'

5) It is reported that as a protest against the attitudeof the management he has decided to lead the Workers' Pay Strike for a week from 18.4.41. The workers will, however, accept their pay after the week and would then approach

approach the Directors, the Shareholders and also the Govt. for holding an enquiry into their grievances.

In the absence of any definite information it is difficult to say how far he is responsible for the aforesaid irregularities. But his alliance with Dwijen Bose appears rather suspicious and his activities require close watching.

W. McNeil
A.C., S.B.
15.4.41.

DC
16/4

Seen by D.C. vide his reply to Bayley, Commissioner, Delhi at ps. 23/22.

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~~D.C. 2~~

~~Passages of this report~~

office

Put up P.V. ref.

20/11

36-37. Report of I.C.S.B. dt. 20.11.41.

A.C. II

Perusal of pages 36-37 with ref. to pages 33-30.

F.O.P.

21/11/41.

D.C. 2

Perused. I.O. Mr. C.S. Banerjee may watch & report further developments. DC may like to see.

21/11

I.C.S.B.

SAV. 25/11/41.

25/11/41

DC

Perusal

24/11

F.R. Submitted today

26/11/41

VIII

Letter d/- 26.11.41 from the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical works Ltd. - 38

A.C. II / Perusal of p. 38 with ref. to pages 17 + 22 of file S.W. 871/41 linked below.

S.A.I.
28/11/41

D.C. 2

Perusal of p. 38. I was informed on the phone about the strike and deputed Insp. C.S. Burman. May be filed?

28/11 28/11

D.N. para 26 dated 31/1/42. 48 & Filed in S.W. 814/40 A.

A || R.U. on these three with a view to retirement.

S/- J.V.B.T.
30/1.

W.W. 3/2, action being taken by W.W. 10/2

Letter D/- 6.2.42 from the President B.C.M.U. - 52.

A.C. II / Perusal of p. 52.

D.C. II may see.

11/2

D.C. 2

Perusal. The trouble is over. The strikers have all joined. May be filed?

11/2

11/2

A.C. 2

Re: orders of D.C. at 'A' above.

Informations on record in C.B. and S.B. against Parimal De, Ananda M. Das and Syed Ali Mistry @ Abdul Sayed are submitted below in the note for favour of perusal.

12/2 Report submitted by Insp. C.S. Burman [illegible] 12/2/42 12/2

Office
Pl put up with the latest report of S.I. D. [illegible] [illegible] 12/2

Orders within (p 56).
For immediate enquiry & report

Report submitted.
12/2

16/2.

IX

DC. 2

Perusal of the notes on Parimal De, Ananda Charan Das @ Annada and Syed Ali Mistry @ Abdul Syed who are reported to have been responsible for the strike in the B.C.P.W. on 30.1.42 with reference to DC's order at p 48 (flagged). In this connection the report of S.I. D.N. Mullick with notes of Inspr. C.S. [illegible] at pp 57–55 and pp. 54–53 may be perused. The strike ended on 10.2.42. A Conciliation Board was formed comprising the L.C., DC. N., AC, N.S. representatives of the Company, Union and strikers to consider the grievances and demands which are (1). 25% increment in wages, (2). 25 p.c. war bonus, (3) pay during strike period and (4) no victimisation. The Board of Directors of the Company will meet on 18.2.42 and the Conciliation Board on 21.2.42 to consider the above. Parimal Dey mentioned above is a member of the Conciliation Board and the situation is at present peaceful. Should we await decision of the Board?

1, C.S.B.
25/2.

Sinha
17/2

Yes
17/2

F.R. has been submitted by S.I. D.N. Mallick today. The Board decided on 21.2.42 that a war bonus

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of Rs 4/- per head would be granted. The board did not recommend the payment of wages during the strike period. As the workers of the machine shop were not satisfied, about 500 out of a total of 700 workers of this dept went on stay in strike from 23.2.42. The situation is peaceful. The L.C. is expected to visit the place today (25/2/42). As far as could be gathered by S.I. D.N. Mullick the L.C. and the Company are not in favour of taking any action at this stage.

C.S. [illegible]
25/2/42

DC 2

Perusal with reference to your order over leaf bottom.

26/2

JAB
26/2

Report of S.I. D.N. Mullick D/- 8.8.42. 57.

F.R. Do we know particulars of Parimal and Monmohan? If not try to obtain them.

Sd/- I.B.B.
8/8

Ac II

Both Parimal and Monmohan are known. Parimal is Parimal De S/o Late Srish Ch. Dey of vill: Dogachi, Bikrampur, Dacca and of 18, Kedar Bose Lane, Cal. A prominent ~~worker~~ leader of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union (1942).

M.

3. Union - Bengal Chemical workers!—

C.F. 102
3-[illegible]-40

91. Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works.

The Manicktolla Group of the C.P.I. is organizing the working of the above factory over the question of a war bonus. A Union is likely to be formed soon. On 2-4-40 a meeting was held on an open plot of land opposite the factory where about 300 workers had assembled.* The speakers stressed the need for a war bonus, and urged the workers to unite and organise. The success of the scavengers in their recent strike was pointed out to the audience. A Bengali leaflet printed by Sailen Mustafi enumerating the workers grievances and explaining the immediate necessity for a 25% of war bonus was circulated among the workers.

*including
Prof. Gopal Haldar,
Amalendu Mustafi @ Sailen
Kamal Sen,
Michir Chakravartti.
Murari Mazumdar.
Lakshmi Narain Das,
Sudhir Dey,
Naren Nandi,
Gholam Mohammad
(all of the C.P.I.).

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Rajkon ?

54. Bengal Chemical Pharmaceutical Workers' Union.

O.R.68143
11-11-40

In the columns of the weekly "Sramik" Nabajyati Burman, Cl. President, Bengal Chemical Majdur Union, appeals to the shop assistants not to sell the products of the Bengal Chemical Co., for various repressions to which their employees are subjected.

SC.

8244/40.

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Consulted S.I. IOD, who advised to change the heading for Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union

108. Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Workers' Union.

OR.69479
19.11.40.

The workers of the above Union have started two Unions viz :- (1). Bengal Chemical Workers' Union (120) Cl. which is located within the workshop. Sarat Chakravarty Cl. is the President and Sailen Sen Cl. is the Secretary. Its object is to improve the conditions of service of the employees.

(2). Bengal Chemical Mazdoors' Union (600) is a White Flag Union, of which ex-detenu Naba Jyoti Burman Cl. is the president, and Surid Kumar Mullick Choudhury Cl. is the Secretary. The Head Office is located at 98/10, Russa Road Cl., and the local office at B. Sarker's Market, Rajendralal Mitra Road.

Both the Unions are registered.

MS;

S.I. S.S. Hague

Is this correct - ?

Sn
4/2

Yes Sir! This is Correct. The union has been started by E.D. Noba Jyoti Burman, who requested Suhrid Mullick Chowdhury to become its secretary, for the purpose of registration of the union only. He is a secretary in name only but does not take any active part.

S.S. Haq
S.I. S.B.
19/2

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EXTRACT FROM REVIEW OF SRAMIK D/-8/1/41. (SB Rf-209/27/61)

At page 7 it is said that the situation has become graver in the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works. Fearing the solidarity and organisation of the workers of this factory against repression, the employers are committing more repressions on them with the ridiculous idea of suppressing the workers through repression. The important members of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union are put to new sufferings every day. Oppression and inequity are gradually going beyond toleration and the employers do not seem to be wise about the saying " a stitch in time saves nine." The workers are preparing for strike action in case it should be needed.

Sd/- J.D. Dutt.
15/1/41.

Labour D.O. to report developments pl.
Sd/- G.B.Roy.
15/1.

Yes.
Sd/- M.I.
15/1.

Inspr. C.S. Burman to report pl.
Sd/- G.B.Roy.
17/1.

Noted.
Sd/- C.S. Burman.
17/1/41.

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TRADES UNIONS:29-1-41.

174. Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Workers' Union (White).

O.R.3508
27-1-41.

Owing to the dismissal of five men of the Carpentry Department and one man of the Drug Stores Department, about 50 workers of the Carpentry Department refused to accept their wages on 20th and 21st instant. They agreed to do so, however, on being assured that the dismissed men would be reinstated.

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152. The Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union (White).

O.R.2951
22-1-41

On 11-1-41 at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Union held in its office, resolutions wer adopted condemning the dismissal of seven workers and demanding an increase in wages.

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MUSLIM AFFAIRS. 19.2.41.

108. Khaksar Association.

N.32.
17.2.41.

It is reported that inspite of the warning by Fida Mohamed some Khaksars incited Mussalmans to protest against the arrest of Muslims in Sahebbagan on 10. 41. Dr. Ismail Nami who was appointed as Amire Ala (Dictator to supervise the work of 3 Provincial Governo) is reported to have refused to accept the post. Dr. Nam has now settled at Meerut with his family. But he is reported to have left for Delhi on 15.2.41. to make efforts through Dr. Sir Ziauddin and others to have the warrant of arrest against him cancelled and also to have questions raised in the Central Assembly regarding

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W.R dated 15-2-41

(3) **Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union.** —*Meeting*—

Date—11-2-41. 157✓

Place—Kankurgachi Park.

Audience—300.

President—**Naba Jyoti Burman.**

Banners and flags.—Nil.

Slogans.—*Majdur Union Ki Jai, Bengal Chemical Majdur Union Ki Jai, Majdur Dabi Puran Karo, Banglar Majdur ek hauk.*

Speakers—**Naba Jyoti Burman, Dhirendra Nath Sen** and **Surhid Mullick Choudhury** [para. 496(*c*) (3)].

Subject.—Speeches were delivered in Bengali ventilating the grievances of the workers. It was resolved that if the demands of the workers were not met a deputation should be sent to the Company.

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TRADES UNIONS: 5-2-41.

17. Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union (White).

O.R.4694
3-2-41

O.R.4512
2-2-41

In continuation of January para.174 the workers of the above Union who at first decided to boycott the Saraswati Puja functions, as the authorities refused to entertain their representative for the redress of the grievances, later on co-operated - the authorities having agreed to receive a deputation of the workers after the Pujas.

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Re: Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works Majdoor Union (White).

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On 21.2.41, the Supdt of the above works received a deputation of the B.C.P.W Majdoor union. It was decided that there should be one Union instead of two as existing now & the strength of the Unions should be determined in an open election contest - when ~~each union~~ ~~each~~ of the two rival unions would set up their candidates.

It is learnt that the election will be held on 15.3.41 at 5/30 P.m at Kankurgachi Park. A hard contest is expected. The parties may also adopt violent tactics.

C. S. Barman
Inspr SB 8/3
7.3.41

Memo No: 9105 Dt.-10.3.41.
S.W. 844/40
-:-
Copy forwarded to D.C. N for information.
for D.C. S.B.
8/3/41.

8.3.41

D.C., 2,
The Labour D.O. may watch on the day. Should D.C. N. be informed?
7.3.41.

Noted
CPB
7/3/41.

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A.C. II
Re: your notes above. We may send a copy of the report to D.C. N for information. An endorsement submitted above on the margin.
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	7) The office bearers of the co-operative stores and Credit Society wd. be elected by Ballot. Besides these, there was talks about contract workers, stable workers, and prayer time for Mohamedan workers which wd. be consider later on. Aforesaid demands were announced to the workers by Mr. J. Burman at which most of the workers were pleased. The activities of the union are mainly in the division of Inspr. C.S. Burman who may report further development.	Inspr. C.S. Burman may report 12/3 12/3

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	the majority of votes	
	2) Six of the seven dismissed workers wd. be re-instated.	
	3) The general increment ~~of~~ in the wages and war allowance as given by the European Companies wd. be introduced and wd. be announced shortly.	
	4) The union men wd. conduct the searches of the persons of the workers at the gate when they wd. be off from their duty.	
	5) Graded service scheme of the Company wd. be intimated to the union shortly.	
	6) Compulsory provident fund for those who have completed one years service and gratuity for those who have completed 10 years service wd. be introduced.	

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Dated 12.3.41

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	Re. S. W. 844. Bengal chemical Mazdur union. (White) On enquiring it is learnt from Halajoti Barman that he himself along with 14 others saw Mr. Lahiri ~~the~~ manager and Mr. Sen the Supdt. of the Bengal chemical and Pharmaceutical works, in the evening of 21-2-41. with the following demands most of which were accepted. The result of the talks by the deputations with authorities were as follows. 1) Of the two rival unions (one of the Companies & the other by White) the Company will recognize the one which will command	AC(2) Perused 12/3 I.C.S.B. (cf. ref p 11) 17/3.

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118. **Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union.**

M.R. 11281.
24.3.41.

A meeting (600) of the Union held on 22.3.41 under the presidentship of N.I. Burman insisted on having a satisfactory reply to their demands within 15 days from 23.3.41, failing which they threaten to hold meetings and processions and carry on propaganda for the boycott of the products of the Company.

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Copies of a Bengali leaflet issued by the Bengal Chemical Majdur Union appealing to the public to support the cause of the employees of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works who were being oppressed in many ways by the authorities of the Company, were distributed in this meeting.

(NOTE : The speeches are under examination.)

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42. National Week - 2nd day - 7.4.41.

O.Rs.13256-68.
8. 4. 41.

(i) B.P.C.C.(Ad Hoc).

Except a probhat feri of 8 men* and two ladies organised by the Burrabazar District Congress Committee which moved in the Burrabazar area for about an hour and a spinning demonstration by 12 persons in the B.P.C.C.office, no other activities were noticed.

*Deo Dutt Missir, Satnarain Misir, Rajbali Sukul, Suraj Bans Singh, Daroga Missir, Bhagawati Tewari, Hari Sankar Sarma and another.

(ii) B.P.C.C.(Suspended).

M.R.13251
8.4.41

The Committee in conjunction with the B.P.F.B. and the All India Youths' League observed the Day as "Labourers' Day" by holding a public meeting (250) at Rashbagan Maidan Belliaghata under the presidentship of Dr.Charu Banarji (Ex-detenu) and later on of A.M.A.Zaman M.L.A. Dr. Charu Banarji urged the students and youths to take up the cause of the peasants and workers, and advised the latter to form strong unions. He condemned the capitalist exploitations in this country and depricated the communal movement sponsored by the Hon'ble Mr.Suhrawardy in connection with census and labour movement. He observed the present riots at Dacca and other places were due to the communal activities of leaders of both the Hindu and Muslim leaders. Abdul Wahed Bokainagari observed that the rights of peasants and workers are to be seized by force. Surhid Mallick Chowdhury said that the British Government had been carrying on zulum by the Police force in the name of maintaining law and order. He added that the Government, at the instance of the capitalists, were trying to gag and stop the agitation of the peasants and workers. The streets had been painted red with the fresh blood of these men and he knew instances of lorries being driven on the worker agitators. Exploitation was being carried on in the name of maintaining law and order. A.M.A.Zaman referred to the split in the Congress and observed that Subhas Bose wanted powers for the workers and peasants. He remarked that the Ministry did not want the good of the labourers. He wondered how the riots at Dacca and other places could not be stopped as yet inspite of the maintenance of the huge Police force in the country. He characterised the Hon'ble Mr.Suhrawardy and his followers as dalals, and asked the audience not to put reliance on the words of Mr.Suhrawardy when he described as a helping hand to the Mill owners. Only a small number of labourers were present in the meeting. One Subodh Ch. Chanda raised usual slogans including "Down with Huq Ministry, Down with British Imperialism, Continue Direct Action, and Down with Huq Saheb's sangha".

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45. Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union. (White).

O.R.13002.
7.4.41.

On 5. 4. 41 the Union organized a procession (700 under the guidance of Mr. Nabajyoti Burman and Dwijen Bose of the All India Youths' League Majdoor Front. They started from Kakurgachi Park and arrived at the foot of the Monument after parading along some important thoroughfares. They carried about 54 posters representing their grievances and demands and shouting the same slogans.

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A short note on NABAJYOTI BARMAN s/o Aswini Kumar village Noapara p.s. Bajitpur, Dist. Mymensingh and of P488/1, Southern Avenue, Calcutta - Was originally a member of the Anushilan Party,

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RN.2171.

1939: Was informed by the authorities of the Calcutta Tramways Coy. that they had no objection in employing E.Ds if found suitable; is the Editor of "Sramik" (a labour Weekly); is the Secretary of the Calcutta Tramway Employees Association, which the Muslim workers of Nonapukur Tram Depot favoured; is a member of White Union.

1940: Was elected as a President of the Shop Assistant Association of Bengal for the year 1940-41; advised the shop assistants to join the Bengal Shop Assistants' Association and urged the necessity of the early enacment of the shop and establishments Bill at a Special Conference at the Albert Hall; was the President of the Bengal Chemical Majdur Union; urged the shop assistants through "Sramik" (a Weekly) not to sell the products of the Bengal Chemical Coy. for various repressions on the employees.

1941: Is the President of Anandabazar Patrika Workers' Association (White); Presided over a meeting under the auspices of the Bengal Chemical Majdur Union in which he ventilated the grievances of the workers and it was resolved to wait on a deputation on the Company if the demands were not met; saw the Manager Bengal Chemical Pharmaceutical works along with others and placed before him the demands of the workers; insisted in another meeting under the auspices of the Bengal Chemical Majdur Union in having a satisfactory reply to their demands within 15 days failing which threatened to hold meetings and processions and carry on propaganda for the boycott of the products of the Coy; led from Kakurgachi Park a procession of about 700 workers who carried 54 posters representing their grievances along with Dwijen Bose of All India Youth League Mazdur Front.

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SECRET. Sw. 844/40 ✓ No. 3/Lab/40. 17

INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, (HOME DEPARTMENT),
Government of India,
New Delhi, dated 9th April, 1941.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta
R/No. DR 606
Dated 18.4.41

My dear Janvrin,

It has been reported to the Central Government that N.J. BURMAN (an ex-detenu) is leading a labour organisation and creating trouble and disturbance in the factory of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Calcutta, which are engaged in the manufacture of vital war supplies, i.e. ether for the Medical Directorate of Army Headquarters.

The Works already have a labour union of their own, and the formation of this new organisation is said to be causing an unsettling effect in their plant. J.N. Lahiri, the Managing Director of the Works has expressed his fears of sabotage and the Director-General of Medical Services is taking up the question of having his Works declared a prohibited place. Such action would keep out those who have no concern with the Works, but will not affect the persons inside the Works who are adherents of the ex-detenu who is responsible, or said to be responsible, for agitation. It seems necessary, therefore, that the workers in this concern should be carefully checked, including the ex-detenu's activities.

Can you kindly let me have your comments regarding N.J. Burman's activities, and his motives for attacking a concern mainly engaged in war supplies ? If his only endeavour is to create labour trouble wherever he can, it is one matter; a more sinister motive is a possibility which should be kept in mind. We understand J.N. Lahiri has already been to the Calcutta Police in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

V.T. Bayley.
9.4.41.

Replied in File
Sw. 844/40(A).

J.V.B. Janvrin, Esqr., IP.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police, S.B.,
Calcutta.

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Copy to:-

1. D.A. Brayden, Esqr., IP.,
   Central Intelligence Officer, Calcutta.
2. Rai P.K. Biswas Bahadur, Spl. Supdt. of Police,
   I.B., Bengal, Calcutta.

Sd/- V.T. Bayley,

Asst. Director (R).

PIM.
8.4.41.

for early report pl.
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For immediate report
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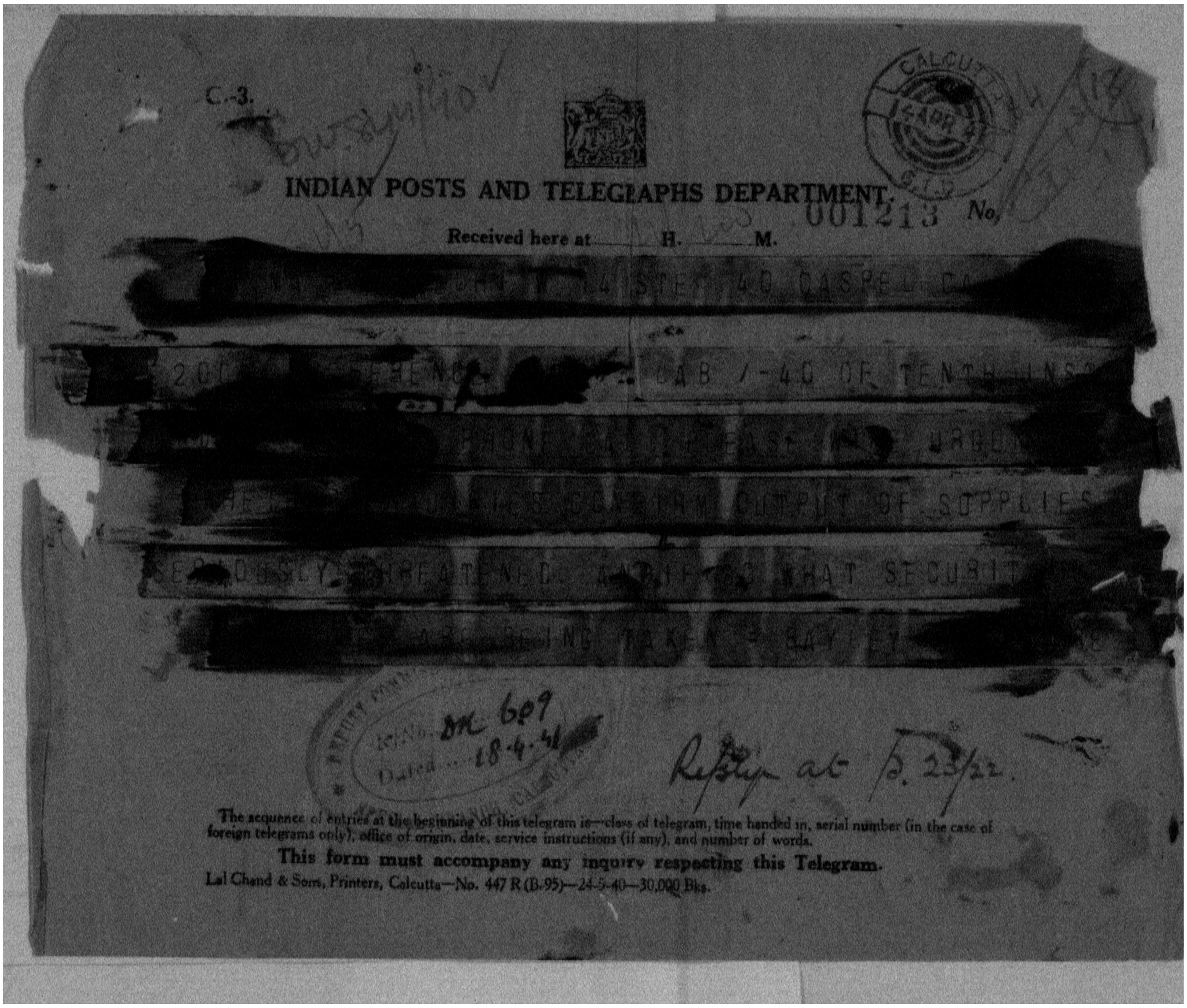
Report attached
15/4/41



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14 APR 41
G.T.O.

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Dated 18.4.41

Reply at p. 23/22.

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N. T. Boreman. the president of the Bengal chemical and Pharmaceutical ~~[illegible]~~ Majdoor union. claims that under kind instruction of the Hon'ble Labour minister, he started the organisation to give relief to the workers who were being formerly exploited by the red unionists in connivance with the Company's people. He maintains that he has no intention to cause disruption in the working of the factories or to cause strikes as this would mean indiscipline and lack of control. There are legitimate grievances of the workers and he wants to proceed constitutionally. To record protest agt the attitude of the Company the workers will go on "Pay strike"* from 18/4/41 ~~[illegible]~~ and will accept the pay after a week. He would then approach the Directors and Share holders of the Company and also the Govt. for holding an enquiry into the grievances of the Company workers. On 2.4.41. the workers of Panihati Factory (24 Pergs) went on strike for one night and he persuaded them to resume work.

Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Majdoor union has about 1500 members as against only about 80 members of the rival 'Company's union'. C I Bernard 15/4/41

* In a f meeting held on 12/4/41 inside the Factory Compound. This proposed action was confirmed

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On 5/4/41 about 90 men of the workshop where the Fire-extinguishers are made, suddenly laid down their tools at about 5/15 Pm and left the factory — although they were marked for duty from 2 Pm to 10 Pm. because some mischief monger had spread a false rumour that the factory had closed down for the day.

About 3 weeks ago. some disorder was noticed in the plant for manufacture of Chloroform. - with the result that it has become difficult to make absolutely pure Chloroform. The disorder could not be mended yet. as the defect could not be detected by experts even — a peculiar disorder noticed - for the first time.

The production of Ether at the Panihati Factory - has diminished to a great extent on account of the intentional lethargy of the workers.

From the above incidents the authorities suspect that the workers who are under the influence of the Mazdoor union are out to do material harm - Except in the case of 'Ether'. the production of the other materials & chemicals has been uniform uptil now.

15/4

Re: Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works Ltd.

Mr. J. N. Lahiri could not be seen, as he had left for Delhi.

It is learnt on enquiry from Babu Satya Prasanna Sen, Superintendent, Sailen Sen, Secy of the Bengal Chemical workers union (Company's union) that the rival organisation styled Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Mazdoor union of which N. J. Barman is the president – has been worrying the Company since it came into existence about a year ago – by agitating the workers – although they have no legitimate grievances.

Since about a year the Company has been executing war orders by ~~supplying~~ manufacturing Fire extinguishers, Chloroform Caffeine Citras and various other chemicals and almost all the Sections of the Factory are involved. Fire extinguishers – Chloroform etc are manufactured at the factory at 168 Manicktola Main Road and Ether and Cotton etc are made at the Factory at Panihati (24 Pergs).

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Statement of J.P.335, dated 9. 4. 41.

Bengal Chemical Mazdoor union ([illegible])

Calcutta C.P.I.
Reliable.A(1).

D.S.V, for action please.
Sd/-F.M.Chakrabartti.
for D.S.II.
10.4.41.

S.S.4/S.S.3.
Perusal.
No.2151C/S dt.17.4.41

(1) Ex. from para I to D.C.S.B. & L.C. Folder.

(2) Re.para III Pl. put up with previous stts.
(3) Gist of Para I may to in Com.Sec.folder.
Sd/-P.C.MUKHARJI.
10/4.

Ref.C.N.S.dt.
25.2.41.

Ref C.N.S. dt.
20.3.41.

Re.Action N.S.P.
XVIII.
24-Pergs letter
No.2005 dt.
26.3.41.

D.S.(5). Re. the Labour Union in the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works we have received a letter from the Dir.I.B. Please deal with this matter keeping that letter in view.
Sd/- PB.
18/4.

I. There exists a Labour Union in the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works, Maniktolla, controlled by the Forward Bloc and SUHRID MALLIK CHOUDHURI is the Secretary. The Labourers of this Union made demonstrations and held a protest meeting on 4.4.41 in the works for not receiving extra dues for overtime work and also went on partial strike. SUKHENDU DAS s/o ANATH of Dhamdah, Munshiganj, Dacca (mentioned) and AJIT GUHA, pleader (mentioned) are trying to capture this Union by exposing SUHRID MALLIK & others for their inertness to fight and ameliorate the condition of the labourers. SUKHENDU DAS has arranged to make contact with the labourers through the members of North Calcutta Group and to distribute pamphlets amongst the labourers to foment their dissatisfaction against the authorities. C1

II. There has been no further development towards the formation of a regular unit at Kakurgachi yet.

III. (a) PARIMAL GUPTA, C1 mentioned by me is the s/o KSHIRODE of Goila, Bakarganj. I do not know his present Calcutta address.

(b) KHUDIRAM MANDAL, C1 mentioned by me does not hail from Bankura district. He is a President of Patharghata P.S.Rajarhat, 24-Parganas. I cannot supply his Calcutta Address.

(c) I do not know the particulars of JAGANNATH MITRA AND SHAMBHU PRASAD mentioned by me. However, I am trying to collect their particulars.

NOTE. The agent has particularly cautioned that no enquiry should be made regarding the persons mentioned in Para.III (a) (b) & (c) at present. This might lead to his exposure.
Sd/- B.P.Das.
10.4.41.

Recorded by,
Sd/- Brahma Prasad Das,
S.I. 10.4.41.

XXXXXXX S.S.3.
C/S. to enclose pl.
Sd/-P.C.M.
18/4.

(i) Seen and noted. Ex.from para I to D.C.S.B. at once.
(ii) In this connection para 76 of S.B.D.N. dt.17.4.41 may be seen. D.C.S.B. has prepared a note on the B.C. & P.Workers' Union and the B.C.Majdoor Union and forwarding it to Dr.I.B. We have asked for a copy of their note for our file.
The former union formed under the auspices of the management of this company is not functioning at present. The latter union of which N.J.Burman (who works for the Hon'ble Labour Minister's Union) is the President and Suhrid Mallik Chowdhury is the Secretary.
(iii) C/S to put up all other previous information re. B.C. & P.Works Co. Labour matters early.
(iv) R/O will please remain in constant touch with the agent and report developments re. para 1.

Sd/- P.C.Mukherjee.
18.4. 41.

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SECRET.

SOCIALISM: 13.2.39.

173. Communist Party of India.

C.L.18 / 10.2.39

It is reported that Ajoy Kumar Ghosh(C.P.I.) of the United Provinces while dining with Deb Kumar Das(CPI) and other party leaders at 25, Beniatolla Lane discussed the programme for organizational work. He promised to get into touch with his comrades in the United Provinces and to send monetary help for released political prisoners and their families. He read out a letter in Bengali which he had received from a prisoner in the Dum Dum jail through a warder from the United Provinces. The writer said "We are determined to go on hunger strike unless the leaders and comrades give up their shilly shallying method. Let them strike the enemy when he lies low".

174. C.P.I.- Congress.

I.R.3933 / 9.2.39

It is reported that P.C.Joshi(C.P.I.) has recently sent Ajoy Ghosh(C.P.I.) an article which deals with the statements of Vallhabhai Patel, Mr.Gandhi, Mr.Subhas Bose and others on the latter's re-election to the Congress presidentship and accuses Mr.Gandhi of doing a disservice to India by giving a dangerous and disruptive lead at a time when the British Empire is on its last legs. The people, the writer says, are seized with self-confidence and are ready for an all round offensive for democracy. This critical situation requires that the right and left wing elements should unite under a common leadership.

175. C.P.I.- Publications.

M.13 / 11.2.39

Moulana Abdur Razzak Malihabadi(C.P.I.), editor of the "Hind" is said to have made arrangements to tour the Near East and Europe but the directors of the paper will not allow this as they wish him to remain to improve the paper. He has, however, expressed his determination to go abroad.

I.R.3933 / 9.2.39.

P.C.Joshi(C.P.I.) is reported to have sent instructions to guide Ajoy Kr.Ghosh(C.P.I.) in dealing with the "left wing" elements and to have asked him to request Mr.Subhas Bose to send a greeting for the annual number of the "National Front" which will appear on 12.2.39.

Sukhendu Das – C.I. S.C. Area

of Dhanendra, meetings, Dacca.

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Ajit Sha. – Member Kakurgachi

Recently joined C.P.I.

126. Nabajyoti Burman.

O.R.15131.
24.4.41.

This individual says that Dwijen Bose prior to his arrest asked him to join the Youths' League as its President and in order to please him joined the procession of the Bengal Chemical Workers recently along with his followers (vide para.45). Samsul Huda had joined Dwijen Bose and invited Burman to join them. He has also applied for Burman's assistance in reorganizing the workers of the Electric Supply Corporation for the proposed all-India strike organised by C.P.I.

Samsul Huda has assumed the party name Rabi for his communication with Burman, but Burman is avoiding him.

130. Bengal Chemical Majdoor Union (White).

O.R.18043.
15.5.41.

The management of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutic Works Ltd. has recognised the above Union from 12. 5. 41.

Aurobinda Bose, of 38/2, Elgin Road, is reported to have visited the office of the Union at Rajendra Lal Street on 6.5.41 and sought the cooperation of the Secretary.

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SB Ref 23698
25.6.41.

Original sent to D.C. N.D. 25/6/41.

BENGAL CHEMICAL MAZDOOR UNION.

B. Sarker's Bazar,
134, Rajendra Lal Mitter
Road, Calcutta.
23rd. June 1941.

To
The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the annual General Meeting of the Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union (White) will be held at Mahabodhi Society Hall, 4A, College Square on the 28th. the Saturday next at 6.30. p.m.

The meeting will be presided by the President of the Union Mr. N.J. Burman. The Secretary Babu Manomohan De an worker of the Company will read out the report (Annual). Dhirendra Lal Chatterji, Nripen Chakrabarty, Sachin Ghosh Workers of the Company will speak.

The Union has been recognised by the Company and a member of the board of Directors has been included in the officer bearers of the Union. The members of the Board, the Lion Shareholders of the Company and the Management of the Company will join the meeting.

It has been decided that the workers will come in a procession (in a line) which will contain NO POSTERS, No Shouting to excite the labourers. They will come peacefully through Maniktola Main Road, Vivekananda Road, Amherst Street, Mirzapur Street, College Square, the shortest route maintaining discipline.

Expecting an early reply.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Yours obediently,

Sd/- Manomohan De.
Secretary,
BENGAL CHEMICAL MAZDOOR UNION.
(White).

D.C. (north)

No objection from S.B. point of view.
Necessary permit may be issued direct to the party.

Sd/- A.K. Sinha
25/6/41.

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W.R. d/ 28/6/41

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2437. Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union (para. 1172a).—*Meeting*—

Date—28th June.

Place—Mahabodi Society Hall.

Audience—325.

President—**Nabajyoti Barman** (para. 2264).

Flags and banners.—A red Union banner.

Slogans.—"Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union ki jai".

Speakers.—**Mon Mohan De, Dhirendra Lal De, Sachindra Mohan Ghosh, Makunda Barman, Nripendra Mohan Chakrabartti, Achinta Kumar Mukharji** and **Nabajyoti Barman.**

Subject.—The Bengal Chemical Company was condemned for oppression on its employees and the workers were urged to be law-abiding and disciplined.

Procession—

Date—28th June.

Number—300.

Route—From office of the Bengal Chemical Company, Manicktolla Main Road, to the above meeting.

Led by—**Dhirendra Lal Chatarji** (treasurer of the above Union).

ninety million politically [illegible] honoured, will rather die than be subjects and slaves of an All-India Anglo-Hindu Central Government.

183. All India Mijlise Ahrar.

O.R.27978
25-7-41

Raghib Ahsan is credited with the information that Maulana Mazhar Ali Azhar and other members of the Mijlise Ahrar have decided to desert the Indian National Congress and join the All-India Muslim League in a body to support its Pakistan Scheme.

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
REF NO.

CALCUTTA 19

on the table which is varified by the stores and enters in the store book. The workers book, Label supplying book, & store book are varified and entered in the day & Ledger.

I reported this shortage to the Board of Directors, who sent the case for an enquiry to those who are culprits and did not allowed anyone to be present at the time of enquiry. On the report of the enquiry the workers has been discharged.

Now, Sir the situation is so bad which is impossible to me to explain. The workers who are loyal has been discharged. It has became impossible to me to explain the workers that I shall be able to protect them. They might attack the manager or some other officers who are responsible for these mischieves.

I pray to you to take immediate step into the matter and to make an enquiry by a responsible officer along with me to save the workers from the oppression of the Company. By your interference the workers will get thousand fold energy to produce war materials.

There is example that the Company put man under lock and key without food for days together as he has not put on Khaddar.

I hope you will very kindly take immediate step into the matter to save the poor workers.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Yours obediently
N. J. Burman
President

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CALCUTTA 19

Now the company is transfering the union workers in such places so that it will be easy to harass the workers when they will have no other way but to resign.

This policy has been adopted by the newly appointed Labour adviser & Labour officer. They are Babu Jnananjan Neogy. officer in charge, Calcutta Corporation Commercial museum and Mr. Manindra nath Nandi is a former Secretary of Subhas Ch. Bose. This Manindra Babu has got an asst. who is an exdetenu and nephew of Jnananjan Neogy. The Company has lodged the propaganda " Why you are all following Burman he is a Govt. man. you should follow man like Jnananjan Neogy, Manindra Nath Nandi who has nice references. After recognising the union the Company has appointed these officers and from this appointment the mentality of the Company is naked. For such malicious propaganda the workers has boycotted these officers.

Now the recent mischief of the Company is this,- In Panihati Branch of the Company is producing war materials (surgical dressings). The workers are producing huge quantity per day but the officers entering the figures in the Day & ledger books much more less that are produced.

The superviser of the workers write in the Job Book how many quantities the workers has produced that day. The materials along with the Job Book goes to the stores, The Stores officer checks the figures and signs on the page and sends the Carbon copy to the Acctts Dept for entry in the Day & Ledger Books, But the officers enters less and tears off the Carbon copy.

In Surgical Cotton Dept:- The workers enters the figure of production in their own book and leaves the book and production

P.T.O.

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Inspr. [illegible]
Pl. take advice of Asst. Lab. Commr.
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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

REF NO.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
R/No. 35862
Dated 12.9.41.
SPECIAL BRANCH, CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA 7th Sept. 1941

To,
The Dy. Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

Sir,

I have the honour to lay the following few lines before you for your kind consideration & favourable order.

That Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical works Ltd Head office at Maniktola main Road, Calcutta has received huge orders of war materials. My allegation is this the Govt is not getting full benefit of war production. A good portion of them are sold privately. This mischief was caught by the workers who are organised by me under white union against the union which was organised by the Company and was indirectly controlled by the advice of Mr. Mrinal Kanti Bose & others from a long time.

The workers of Bengal Chemical in their open general meeting ~~[illegible]~~ expressed their views that they have full faith on the Govt. and will produce war materials in full speed.

But I am confident that the company wants that the unrest amongst the workers should prevail for which they will not be able to give their full labour for the output. Such as;—

In machine shop dept where "Fire King" are being made (a most important war production order) the company tried several times to create severe unrest there.

(1) Banamali Mahanti of that dept received a telegram that his wife is seriously ill and asked him to start at once. The Company denied to grant him leave. When Banamali realised he will not get leave he resigned and with his bags & bagages wanted to go out but he was detained at the gate by the order of the Company. Banamali went on hunger strike. As a result the whole of the work shops wanted to go on strike. I personally interfered and seeing the situation managed to persuade Banamali to take food and the workers to go on with their work smoothly as the war production will be hampered.

The manager appointed time to discuss with me the case of Banamali, but did not turn up in time, came after factory

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hours. He did not discussed the matter with a plea Factory Supdt. is absent.

Next morning & the case was discussed, and the manager had to agree that Banamali should get leave. The chief Engineer then said that Banamali has not gave his daily attendance, for this he thought that was a break of decipline. I said "if you think so he will ask for an apology." The Manager then in our presence ordered the Chief Engineer to grant leave from that day. But the leave was not granted.

Next day I went to the Board of Directors and Labour Commissioner and on their intervention ~~the~~ leave was granted. But the company gave 3 men with Banamali to go to his native village to ascertain the truth, They found Banamali's wife lying seriously ill.

After a few weeks after this incident Susil Kumar Gupta a nephew of the Chief Engineer and an officer, with his staff excited the labourers to write to the Factory Supdt. & the union that they demand overtime for extra work, or they will go on Strike. Susil Babu's boys went round the workers and forced about 200 Two hundred workers to sign. They are all temporary men.

For this hot excitement was noticed amongst the workers & there was an exchange of Blows and the union people seized the papers from the Company's men. I personally handed over the torn papers to the manager who took no action against the culprits.

The workers then expressed that anyman whoever he might be will try to excite them to hamper war production will be severely assulted. Now the Chief Engineer seems to be silent.

In pharmacy Dept:- Where war materials are packed the roof of that room was broken and during rains the materials packed by the workers are spoiled and the workers are not paid for this spoil of work. I made several requests to repair the roof, but the manager has not ~~f~~ repaired. One day heavy production was made and at late hours ~~heavy~~ rain came & spoiled the day's output. The workers grew angry and said the manager he must repair the roof or they will report the matter ~~of~~ to the Military authorities. The room has now repaired.

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D.C.

Sir,

I have discussed the matter with the Addl Labour Commissioner. He said that he would like to talk to the Hon'ble Labour Minister to ascertain the position of N. J. Barman in the White Union at present. He would also interview the Manager (Mr. Lahiri) of Bengal Chemical and try to get the truth quietly about the war production. He would then decide the line of action. He asked us for a copy of the petition.

Yrs.

C S Barman Sub Inspr
18.9.41.

Suppl.

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Issue

pl. type a copy of the attached petition.

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J. C.S.B.

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Herewith a copy of the petition.

19/9/41

One copy has been handed over to Asst. L. Comr by me on 19.9.41

C S Brown
19/9/41

F.R. Submitted
C S Brown 20/11/41

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Dacca, the 6th May.

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Police Officer.(Muslim).

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Ref S.W. 844/40.

Re: petition of N.J. Burman president of the Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union – p. 33-31.

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The Asst. Labour Commissioner had sent for Mr S.L. Sen. the superintendent of B.C.P.W. and talked to him on the subject tactfully. Mr. S.L. Sen explained that the war materials were produced quite according to the scheduled order of the Govt and supplied regularly and correctly. None of the articles were sold to any private party. It so happened that one Biren Sen a job clerk. whose duty was to make statements & accounts of the articles produced – used to make two statements. In one of these statements he used to shew correct figures of production and the same was sent to Govt. In the duplicate copy. he used to increase the figures – in order to draw more wages for the workers. This illegal act was however ~~[illegible]~~ detected by the Company & then Biren Sen & 2 other workers were dismissed by the Company.

Asst Labour Commr also advised Mr Sen to look into the legitimate grievances of the workers.

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Asst. Labour Commissioner does not advise any further action at present in view of the explanation given by Mr. is. S.C. Sen and also as no complaints have been received from the Supply Dept.

Report about the appointment of Jnanaranjan Neogi and Manindra Nandi - by the Company has been previously submitted by me - page 31-29 file no 844/40 (A).

N. J. Burman is trying for the reinstatement of Biren Sen & other workers.

C.S. Burman
Insp. S.B.
20/11/41

156. Strike in the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, 168, Manicktolla Main Road.

O.R.46771.
27.11.41.

As a sequel to the dismissal of a packer named Manikanta Das Gupta for careless work, 500 workers of the Packing, Despatch and P.M. Departments went on a "stay-in" strike on 25.11.41. On the intervention of Nabajyoti Barman on 25.11.41 the strikers resumed work on the assurance that the management would hold a proper enquiry into the matter. Mani Kanta accepted the order of dismissal pending the enquiry.

The departments engaged in war production were not affected.

About 100 workers of the Despatch Department refused the Puja bonus and demanded more. The management is looking into this matter as well.

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TRADES UNIONS: 8-12-41.

40. Bengal Chemical Majdur Union.

M.R.48290
8-12-41

At a meeting (300) held on 6-12-41 at Kakurgachi Park under the presidentship of Naba Jyoti Burma the*speakers ventilated the grievances of the workers and deprecated the callous attitude and inconsistent policy of the Company. They also urged unity among the men for the peaceful realization of their legitimate demands for which, as Mon Mohan Dey held, it was not illegal even to go on strike.

A resolution was adopted (1) demanding a general increase in wages and war bonus, the abolition of the practice of gate-search, provident fund facilities, one month's sick leave with pay, security of service, one month's privilege leave, registration of the provident fund and accommodation and subsidy for the union, (2) urging the transfer of some employees viz. Kalendu Chakravartti, Nabadwip Banarji, Nityananda Pal and Rabi Rai who were alleged to have been oppressing the members of the union, and (3) thanking the management for allowing the union representatives to enquire into the case of Mani Das Gupta.

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*President, Dhirendra Nath Chattarji, Nikunja Mohan Banarji, Rajen Sen, Mon Mohan Dey, Secretary.

PW 824/40

TRADES UNIONS: 2-1-42.

4. Bengal Chemical Majdoor Union.

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2-1-42

There is some unrest among the labourers of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical works as the management have taken disciplinary action against Sachin Ghosh, an employee of the filling and sealing Department, who is an Assistant Secretary of the Union. He has been charged with having violated standing orders of the works by deliberately interfering with factory hands on 19-12-41 during working hours.

Nabajyoti Burman regards this as a move to cripple the union. To check the alleged highhandedness, the Union is contemplating giving an ultimatum to the Company.

ENTD. SAN. 29/11/41. P.39 157

CONFIDENTIAL.

Strike Report from Calcutta Police, Spec'al Branch.

1. Name of concern and locality; Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical works Ltd, 168 Maniktola Main Road

2. Full complement of workers in the concern. - About 3000

3. Number of workers involved-

   (a). Directly (i.e. number of actual strikers); 500 approximately.

   (b). Indirectly (i.e. persons thrown out of employment due to the strike). Nil

4. Date when the dispute-

   (a). Began; 25.11.41. at 3 Pm.

   (b). Ended; 26.11.41 at 10/30 Pm.

5. Cause or object of dispute, and specific demands, if any; Protest against the dismissal of one worker Mani Kanta Das Gupta.

6. Result of the dispute (i.e. whether successful, partially successful or failure.) He was dismissed on 25/11/41 at 2 Pm. for putting wrong labels on the phial

7. If a settlement is reached.

   (a). Whether by negotiation between the parties, or by mediation or arbitration by private individuals or by Government; By negotiation between the General manager & Supdt of B.C.P.W. and the President (N. J. Burman) of the

   (b). Terms of settlement. B.C.P. works Majdoor Union. The

8. Particulars of prosecutions, if any. dismissed man has not been reinstated. The Supdt agreed

9. Brief narrative of events. to make searching enquiry into the matter

No 46771/SW 844/40 dt 29/11/41.

Copy to L.C.

C J Burman
26/11/41

MS;

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29.11.41.

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**Bengal Chemical &
Pharmaceutical Works, Ld.**

Telegrams: RASAYAN, CALCUTTA
Codes used :—A. B. C. Fifth & Sixth Editions
Telephone No. B. B. 6701

164, Maniktala Main Road, Calcutta.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
R/No 46.766
Dated 27-11-41
SPECIAL BRANCH, CALCUTTA

Ref:

26th. November, 1941.

J.V.B. Janvrin, Esqr., I.P.
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,
14, Lord Sinha Road,
Calcutta.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to the Circular Letter No. 0378C dated the 9th July, 1941 of the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, we beg to bring to your kind notice that there was a stay-in-strike by the Members of the Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union yesterday afternoon (from 3 P.M., 25th November, 1941). No intimation was given to us as regards the reason of such a step but we presume this was due to the discharge of a Packer for mislabelling, who also happened to be a Member of the Union. This morning also, they were on strike upto 11-45 A.M. after which they have resumed work being requested by the President of the Union Mr. N. J. Burman. We shall inform you if anything further happens. This is in confirmation of our telephonic intimation of this morning to you.

Yours faithfully,

SB.

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Date

Hour of receipt by Dy. Commr.

Due Daily to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, D. D. S. B.

D. D. S. B.

CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector

of D. D. S. B. Calcutta, dated 19

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	It was further learnt that he is the Secry. of B.C. Majdoors' union, located at 19, Canal West Rd. Belliaghatta. Submitted H. Ahmed 10/2.	

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Bengal Form No. 4502.

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CONFIDENTIAL DIARY.

R/No 5541
Dated 10.2.42

Date ____________
Hour of receipt by Dy. Commr.

Due Daily to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, ~~D. D.~~ S. B.   D. D. / S. B.

CALCUTTA POLICE.

From ~~Inspector~~ As. Inspector Kafil Uddin Ahmed.

of ~~D. D.~~ S. B. Calcutta, dated 10th Feb. 1942.

Date and hour. | ~~S.B.~~ Dpw. 4501 Diary of 8.2.42. | Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.

10/2. Re:- Monmohan De, of B.C.P. Works, Maniktola Main Road.

On enquiring from the factory Supdt. the following particulars were ascertained —

Monmohan De

S/o. Dr. G. Bhuban Mohan De, of vill. Ranamati; PO & P.S. Jhalakati; Dist. Barisal, and of 55, Simla Road, Calcutta. Aged about 27 years, an employee of the above factory drawing a pay of Rs 27/- per month. His Ticket No. is S-86.

K.U.A.

Submitted.
S.O.S.B.
10/2

A/c
W.O. may note.
10/2/42

A.C. II
Perusal with reference to the I.B. requisition below. We may send a copy of the officer's report to I.B. in reply.

An endorsement submitted below.

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A.C. II
W.O. may note particulars of Mono Mohan De, Secy. of the Bengal Chem. Majdoor Union.

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Ac. II

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Please see S.B. requisition below.
W.W. may supply particulars.

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The particulars are not in records. S.I. Mullick may supply.

CWB
5/2/42

S.I. D.P. Mullick

pl. supply particulars for favour

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87. B.L.P. - C.P.I.

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TRADES UNIONS: 19-1-42.

O.3.2388
19-1-42

126. Bengal Chemical Majdoor Union (White).

Mono Mohan De, the Secretary of the Union forwarded copies of resolutions on the war emergency demands of the workers, to the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Company on 12-1-42. These resolutions were said to have been adopted at a meeting of the Executive Committee on 8-1-42. Demands:-(1) Building of enough A.R.P. shelters for accommodating all the workmen present in the factory at the time of actual air raids; (2) Life Insurance for the workers - the sums assured to be equivalent to the sum total of six years' wages of the worker and the premium to be paid by the Company, (3) Two months wages in advance, (4) a 20% increment in wages, (5) arrangements for the housing, food and treatment of air-raid victims, (6) compensation (at least 25 times of the monthly wages) - for the workers disabled by the air-raids.

N.J.Burman - the president, wrote to the manager of the Company on 15-1-42 demanding a settlement within 7 days failing which the workers might leave the workshop. The Manager interprets this as a threat to cause strike. The matter has been brought to the notice of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, who is now making enquiries. N.J. Burman is inclined to abide by the decisions of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, provided the genuine grievances are redressed.

Copy of order passed on C.R.S. of S.B. Dn. [illegible] 19.1.42.
" Please write to D.C. S.B. for particulars of Manomohan [illegible]
126 Sd/ P.C.M.

To D.C. S.B. for favour of a report please.
Sd/ 2/2

S.B. III I.B.
A copy of my officer's report is placed below.
Sd/ [illegible]
D.C. S.B.

TRADES UNIONS: 27.1.42.

OR.3443
27.1. 42

185. Unrest in the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutic Works.

In continuation of para 173: The discontented elements, mentioned before, have circulated a printed leaflet in Bengali sta~~r~~ting that if the Management do not meet their demands by 26.1.42, they will leave on 30.1.42 on the expiry of fifteen day's notice on 29.1.42 which they already filed with the Tribunal.

BM

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TRADES UNIONS - 26.1.42.

173. Unrest in the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works.

CRs.3255,3281
26. 1. 42.

According to Nabajyoti Burman of the Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union, the workers generally are impressed by the sympathetic attitude taken by the Assistant Labour Commissioner who enquired into the dispute. But Parimal De, Indra Mistri and Annada (Electrician) of the Machine Shop who are opposed to Burman's union, are making endeavours to foment a strike in this section by 27.1.42. They have already sent an ultimatum with seventeen *signatories on 22.1.42 to the management demanding the fulfilment by 26.1.42 of their demands for a twenty-five per cent increase in wages and war bonus. Thereafter they will try their luck in other quarters as it will not serve their interest to continue in this place. The situation is being watched.

*Parimal De,
Indra Ch. Pramanik,
Purna Ch. Ghosh,
Namda Lal Das,
Siddeswar Adhikari,
Manmatha Mandal,
Sashi Bhusan Das,
Akrur Ch. Santra,
Abdul Samad,
Mahadeb Mandal,
Abdul Rahaman,
Abdul Jalil,
Abdul Sayed,
Muktaram Ghosh,
Krishna Charan Mandal,
Lakshmi Narain Das,
Panchanon Rai.

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	3) Parna Chandra Ghose S/o Late Muktaram Ghose. Vill. Tarulia P.S. Rajarhut. Dt. 24 Paraganas. The further list is being submitted. Submitted A.C.(II) S.B. S.I.S.B. 26/1	No refs with particulars 27/1 F.R. 27/1

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of ~~D.D.~~ S. B. Calcutta, dated 26. 1. 42. 19

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	Re. apprehended strike at B.C.P.W.	W.B.'/ 27/1
	The following is the particulars of some of the suspected agitators :—	Office Reference these names at once 27/1
	1) Indra Chandra Paramanik. S/o Late Churaman Paramanik. 27, Bahirsurah Road, Cal. & vill. Rani Gopalnagore P.S. Banskura Dt. Midnapore.	no ref
Urgent	2) Abdul Syed S/o Md. Alimuddin 121 Baitakkhana Road, Cal. & vill. Kunda P.S. Nawabgunj Dt. Dacca.	no ref
Mr. Dally Please reference these names in I.B. at once. 6/2 F.C. 83		1. 83. D.O. [illegible] Submit particulars of others conc. & report about the situation in the B.C.P.W. without delay. 27/1

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of D. D. / S. B. Calcutta, dated ____________ *19*

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	S/o Late Krishna Charan Das; of 13/1, Jamini Kabiraj Row, Shyambazar, Calcutta. Calcutta born. Aged about 29 years; was appointed at Machine Shop in 1936, and now draws a monthly pay of ~~Rs~~ 21/- only. The above mentioned workers are said to be ~~strongly~~ very active in fomenting strike and disturbances. Submitted Ahmed 30.1.42.	

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As. From *Inspector* Wafiuddin Ahmed

of ~~D. D.~~ / *S. B.* *Calcutta, dated* 29th Jan 1942

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.

29/1 Re:- Parimal Chandra Dey & Annada Mistry of B.C.P. works Ltd. 168, Manicktola Main Rd.

—o—

The following are the particulars were ascertained on enquiry at B.C. works Ltd. —

(1) Parimal Chandra Dey S/o. ~~Late~~ Srish Chandra Dey of vill - Dogachi, Bhiksampore. Dacca. and of 18, Kedar Basu Lane, Bhowanipore, Calcutta c/o. Chinmoy Dey.

notes attached

Aged about 32 years; appointed in 1931 at Machine-shop and now draws a pay of Rs 19/- only per month.

(2) Annada Mistry, now is Annada Charan Das;

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Copy of a Calcutta Special Branch officer's report dated 7.2.42 re: strike at the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Ltd., 164, Maniktolla Main Road, Belliaghatta, Calcutta.

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The strike of the machine shop workers continues as usual.

The number of attendances in other departments is about 500 today.

The loyal and willing hands did not join their work due to the panic of being molested on the way to the factory by the strikers.

This morning the strikers threw stones, mud and cow dung on the buses carrying employees of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Ltd., on Maniktola Main Road inspite of Police constables' patrol on these areas. The strikers collected in numbers behind the huts and on open plots of land on either sides of Maniktola Main Road from where they threw stones, etc. and ran away in the bustees and gardens.

As a result of this trouble several workers and buses sustained injuries and damage of window glasses respectively.

No arrest could be made by the local Police. THe Factory Superintendent is contemplating to close the factory for which he would ask the approval of the Directors.

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Immediate - Memo.No. 0829 [illegible] dated 7.2.42.

Forwarded to Khan Bahadur Muhammad Ismail, J.P., Deputy Commissioner of Police, North District, Calcutta, for information and necessary action.

Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

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N. J. BURMAN, B.A. (HURUN U.S.A.)
Ex. GENERAL SECRETARY:
C[illegible]TA TRAMWAYS EMPLOYEES' ASSN.
EDITOR:
SRAMIK (BENGALI WEEKLY)
Ex. PRESIDENT:
SHOP ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION OF BENGAL.
PRESIDENT:
BENGAL CHEMICAL MAZDOOR UNION.

PHONE: SOUTH 532
488-1, SOUTHERN AVENUE,
CALCUTTA 6th. February, 1942.

OFFICE OF COM[illegible]
7-FEB 1942
CA[illegible]UTTA

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF [illegible]
R/No 5480
Dated 10-2-42
SPECIAL BRANCH, CALCUTTA

To

The Labour Commissioner,
Government of Bengal.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to state that you are aware that the Machine Shop Department of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works went on strike from Friday the 30th. January last.

The Union intervened and brought some ring-leaders of that department to the Labour Commissioners office when they are nicely advised by the A.L.C. and he asked the labourers of that department to join their work from Monday the 2nd. February and also assured them that he will try his utmost to fulfill their legitimate demands at an earliest possible date. More over in a Labourers meeting on the 2nd. February last the A.L.C. very kindly took troubles to go in the meeting and explain them how to run a Union and how to get demands constitutionally.

But some wicked ring-leaders (Parimal De, Annada Ch. Das, Saedali Mistry) defied the Union and A.L.C's request, heated the temporary workers who are employed for a couple of months and they are intemediating the Loyal Workers with Lathis, Knifes when they are going to join their works.

Now, what I want to place before you is this :-

On my request the Union Members more than 80% of the labourers (including temporary workers who are not the members of the union) wanted to join their work and on Monday as there was no picketting except Machine Shop Dept. the workers of other departments joined their respective works, but from Tuesday the above named wicked workers of machine shop dept. has engaged some outside goondas and some goondas selected from temporary workers are intemidiating the workers with knives Lathies and brick bats.

I have informed the Officer-in-duty, Beleghata P.S. several times who has said he is unable to send any more police there. If we fail to give protection to those who are willing to join the work how can we ask them to join their work ? Only for a few "Bad-mashes" the whole factory will be closed, this cannot be tolerated.

I pray to you to arrange for adequate police arrangements at the spot to give protection to those loyal workers and earnestly request you to take drastic action against the pickettors.

I hope you will very kindly do the needful for which I shall remain ever grateful.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Yours obediently
N. J. Burman
President
BENGAL CHEMICAL MAZDOOR UNION.

Copy to Police Commissioner, Calcutta.
Chairman, National Service Labour Tribunal.
Directorate of Supply, Calcutta Range.

Copy.

17th. February,1942.

CRB
18/2/42

To
The Labour Commissioner,
Government of Bengal.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter dated the 6th.February 1942, I have the honour to remind you of what I explained to you on the 9th.February last in presence of Deputy Commissioner of Police N.Calcutta. If I am not mistaken I said "Please take charge of Pickettors and I will take charge of attendance." After this the D.C. of Police North. Cal. gave an order accordingly and assured me in your presence that Police will take charge of Pickettors and ordered the O.C. Beliaghata P.S. to arrange for 40 Constables and four Jamadars to control the situation.

But for reason better known to you, your goodself not only recognised the pickettors by asking them to send their four representatives but also ignored the Union by failing to mention the Union then. The management of the Company said "The representative of the Union must be invited as the Union is a recognised body and has much hold over the employees." However, you allowed two representatives from the Union to be present in the Conference.

On the 14th. last when the Conference met, there was discussions when the question of War Bonus was recommended, but not the pay for the strike period. If I remembered right I said "The Union can not and should not encourage goondaism, the pickettors obstructed the loyal workers with physical force, who then sought your help, which you declined, as such you are morally liable for the payment of wages for the strike period." One of the representative of the pickettors then said "All the workers went on strike and no picketting was made." If I am not wrong I said "Please look into the attendance of 2nd.February Monday which will show the number of workers actually attended after the assurance given by the A.L.C. to the Union as there was no picketting." Now, the pickettors instigating the workers not to accept payment due. They also said that their action was approved by the Labour Commissioner and if they create some troubles the Company would be compelled to grant an increment of 25%, and wages for the strike period. They show their last action did earn War Bonus which is actually not.

I, on behalf of the Union, have already advised the workers - members of the Union - not to resort to goondaism and to accept wages due, but I have every apprehension that those people who perpetiated goondaism might create serious troubles, even free fight or the like which will seriously stumpede the production including war materials.

Lastly I am to assert that I wash my hands of the affair as you did neither pay any heed to my solicitatious nor recognised my Union,

Thanking you.

Yours obediantly,
Sd. N. J. Burman.
President.

Copy to Hon. Chief Minister, Government of Bengal.
Commissioner of Police, Calcutta.

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Parimal De, Ananda Mistry, Sayed Ali, are believed to be the ring-leaders.

(NOTE : Copy of the letter secured).

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TRADES UNIONS, 19. 2. 42.

134. Bengal Chemical Majdoor Union.

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In continuation of para.85 : N.J.Burman, the President of the Union addressed a letter on 17.2.42 to the Labour Commissioner intimating him that the Union was dissatisfied because in the matter of taking representatives in the Conciliation Board, the addressee had ignored the Union, and on the other hand recognised the strikers (not attached to the Union) who resorted to picketing as against constitutional methods.

Burman stated further that the men who struck work were now instigating the workers not to accept wages, the payment of which started on 17.2.42 and the willing workers apprehended trouble at the hands of those men who declared that their action had been approved by the Labour Commissioner and their present step would compels the Company to grant them 25% increment as also wages during the strike period.

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Secret.

Statement of a Secret agent dated 29/6/42.

Bengal Chemical Majdur Union.

The attitude of the strikers of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works is becoming violent. Pickets of volunteers are posted all round the place to prevent loyal workers, especially the clerks, from joining the factory and office. They are even pulling the men out of the buses. Nabajyoti Barman personally supervised picketing on the morning of 29/6/42. It is understood that the strikers would threaten and insult the officials of the company and even throw mud and cow-dung on their person. The strikers somehow managed to send away the constables from their posts to facilitate their picketing.

Memo No. S.W.844/40 dated the 30th June, 1942.

Copy forwarded to:- Khan Bahadur Md. Ismail, J.P.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
North District,

for information.

O/C

Sd/- H. B. Bhattacharji
Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch - Calcutta.

MJL.

S.W. 844/40 -(Copy kept in File S.W. 844/40A).

Bengal Chemical Majdur Union.

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Sd/- Jnandas Dutt.
Inspector S.B., 30/6/42.

Memo No. S.W.844/40 dated the 30th June, 1942.

Copy forwarded to:- D.C., North,
for information.

Sd/- J.B.B.
Addl. Deputy Commr. of Police,
Special Branch - Calcutta.

MJL.

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From Sub Inspector S. A. Mullick.

of ~~D. D.~~ S. B. Calcutta, dated 28th July 1942

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
DC, 2 Annual. Insp. G. Burman is being asked to obtain accurate information. 28/7 H.R. & Show DC. 28/7 S.I. Dnm 29/7. 29/8	Re. Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union, Manicktolla. The annual general meeting of the Beng. Chemical Mazdur Union is going to be held in the 1st week of August next, when some trouble about the election of the president is apprehended. Attempt is being made by some of the labour leaders viz. Parimal De, Sachin Ghose, Dhirendra Lall Chatterjee & others of the factory to elect Sudhir Paramanick as their president in place of Nabojyoti Burman on whom they have lost their faith. The above leaders with others are trying to have their own men as committee members. 28/7 A. Mullick S.I.S.B. 29/7/42	

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From Sub Inspector S. A. Mullick.

of ~~D. D.~~ S. B. Calcutta, dated 6th August 1942

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	Re. Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union. It ~~was~~ is learnt from Nabajyoti Burman that Anil Ghose has left his ~~party~~ connection and is trying to make Sudhir Pramanik the president of the Beng. Chemical Mazdur Union at next general election (which will be held in August 1942) at the instance of Jnananjan Neogi. Anil Ghose is being traced. Submitted. S.A. Dunn 6/8. 8/8. S. A. Mullick 6/8/42	O.C. 2 [illegible] already known that [illegible] is trying [illegible] [illegible] Pramanik [illegible] [illegible] Chemicals - [illegible] general meeting. L.O.O. to report about the date, time & place of meeting. 6/8 I.C. [illegible] 6/8

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From Sub Inspector Dhirendra Nath Mullick.

of ~~D.D.~~ S. B. Calcutta, dated 8th. August 1942

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
*Manmohan De I. Parimal De I. Sachin Ghosh, I. Dhiren Bhattacharjee Cr. Syed Mirtiz, I. Jiten Chatterjee Cr. Satish Bose Cr. & others W.R. 8/8 Submitted below. 10/8	Re. Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union. At a meeting (32) of the prominent leaders* of the Beng. Chemical Mazdur Union, held at the Union office on 6.7.42. evening, ~~Pari~~ Parimal I. De being supported by Manmohan De I. and others, proposed to elect Bankim Mukerjee Cr. (M.L.A.) as president of the Union But they did not get any support except from 5 members only. The idea of electing Sudhir I. Pramanik in the chair has since been abandoned. The date of the general election of the Union has not yet been fixed. Submitted. DC 2 Comments on! 8/8	FR — Do we know particulars of Parimal & Monmohan? JAB 8/8 S.I. S.N. Mullick S.B. 8/8/42 Please try & obtain them.

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From Sub Inspector D. N. Mullick.

of ~~D. D.~~ S. B. Calcutta, dated 4th September 1942

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	S. W. 844/40	
	Re. election of president of Beng. Chemical Mazdur Union.	5/9
	The date of the general election of the Union has not yet been fixed.	
	F. E. continues.	
	Submitted D. N. Mullick 4/9.	

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Original in file C.M.579/42A II

Copy of a Calcutta Police Special Branch Officer's report dated 25th September, 1942.

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I saw Jagadindra Nath Lahiri, the Manager and S.Sen the Superintendent of Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works and it was learnt that no attempt was made from outside to create a lock-out in the factory.

About a month ago, the authorities received some objectionable leaflets (Congress) to close down the factory etc. (the copies of which I had already submitted) but since then they had not received any. Neither the workers nor the Management are in favour of any strike. The work is going on peacefully and there is no apprehension of any lock-out or strike at present.

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From Sub Inspector D. N. Mullick

of ~~D.D.~~ S. B. Calcutta, dated 2nd October 1942

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	P.W. 844/40. Re. Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union The date of General Election has not yet been fixed. This is most probably being delayed owing to the arrest of Nabajyoti Burman the president. 7. E. contd. A. N. Mullick S. H. B. 2/x	My F.A. 27/10 S.I. Dnm 6/x.

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of ~~D. D.~~ S. B. Calcutta, dated 7th October 1942.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	R/no. 43313 d- 5/x/42. Re. General Election of Beng. Chemical Mazdur Union. During the absence of Nabajyoti Burman, the president of the Union (who is under arrest), Nikunja Banerjee, the vice-president of the Union is acting as president. Manmohan Dey the Secy of the Union says that the general election will not be held before the Puja. Submitted. D. N. Mullick 7/x	7/10 S.I. [illegible] 7/X

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Rule no 9.

Annual General meeting.

Every year as soon after the 31st march as possible there shall be held a meeting of the General body of members of the Union, to be called the Annual General meeting. The quorum for this meeting shall be 25 % of the total number of members of the union for the time being. The meeting shall dispose of all matters affecting the general body of members, including:-

ⓐ. amendment, variation and rescission of the rules,

ⓑ. appointment of officers and removal of officers found incompetent ~~of~~ or guilty of corrupt practices or anti-union activities, and.

ⓒ. formulation of the policy and programme of the union.

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Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union

~~19, CANNAL WEST ROAD,~~
2 Jogodyan Lane.
Calcutta 18. 11. 1942.

Ref. No. SB

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CALCUTTA.

To

The Police-Commissioner,
Calcutta.

R. 51961
Dated 21.11.42
SPECIAL BRANCH, CAL.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that, according to the trade union Rule no 9, we wish to held our Annual General Meeting for the year 1941-1942 on the 28th November (28.11.42) 1942, at 7 P.M. at Mahabodhi Society Hall, College Square.

We further beg to inform you that, on other previous occasions, your honour gave us the kind permission to held the meetings. We are strict not to discuss any political affairs.

We hope you will kindly give us the permission for the same & oblige.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Manomohan De.
Secy,
Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union.
2 Jogodyan Lane, Calcutta.

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Perusal.

Permission was last granted to this union to hold the Annual General meeting - vide papers flagged in File Sw. 2214/40 linked below.

For orders.

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Noted
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No objection. Issue permit & inform O/C list. D.C. concerned?

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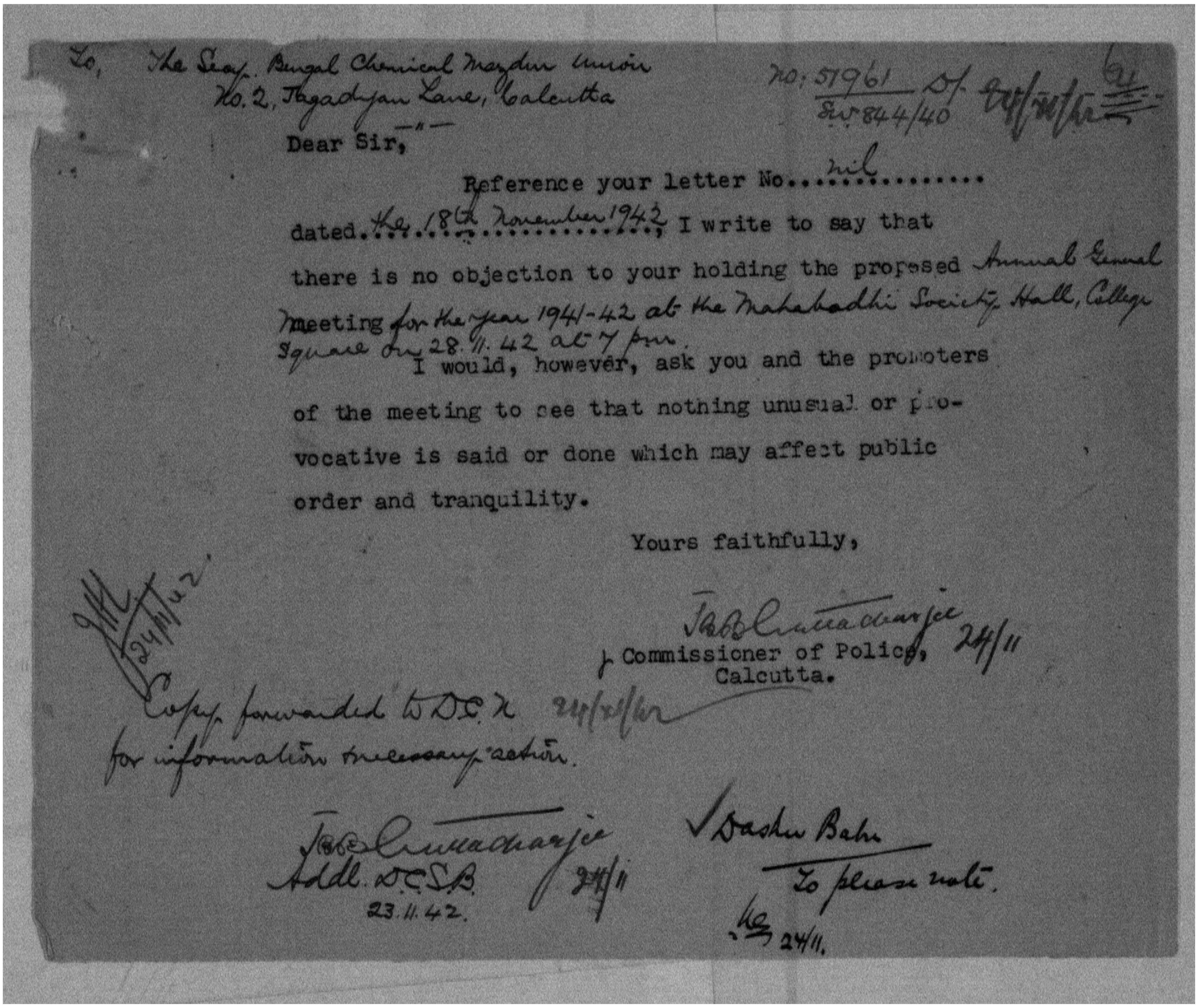

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No: 51961 D/. 24/11/42
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To,
The Secy. Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union
No. 2, Tagadyan Lane, Calcutta
—"—

Dear Sir,

Reference your letter No. nil dated the 18th November 1942, I write to say that there is no objection to your holding the proposed Annual General meeting for the year 1941-42 at the Mahabodhi Society Hall, College Square on 28.11.42 at 7 pm.

I would, however, ask you and the promoters of the meeting to see that nothing unusual or provocative is said or done which may affect public order and tranquility.

Yours faithfully,

J.K.B. Bhattacharjee 24/11
for Commissioner of Police,
Calcutta.

24/11/42.

Copy forwarded to D.C. N. 24/11/42
for information & necessary action.

J.K.B. Bhattacharjee 24/11
Addl. D.C.S.B.
23.11.42.

✓ Dashu Babu
To please note.
24/11.

1. Bio-Lab.

1. Monomohon Day
2. Dhiren Chatterjee.
3. N. Banerji
4. Gonesh Chakravarty.
5. Poresh Pal.
6. Rampada Sinha
7. Unash Day.
8. Samarajit Basu.
9. Purna Chakravarty.

W. W.

29/11

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2. Pharmacy.

1. Khaga Das.
2. Profulla Basu
3. Nanda Karmakar.
4. SonTosh Basu
5. Kalidas Khasnabish.
6. Bhikari Patra
7. Ajit Mukerji
8. Jiten Chatterji
9. Rashany Dasgupta.
10 Basu Kurmi
11. Jatin Ghosh.
12. Makhan Das.

3. Press.

1. Purnandu B. Das,
2. Md Makbul

Panihati

1. Ali Azam.
2. ~~[illegible]~~ Hatemali
3. Abdul Rahaman.
4. Bankim Routh.
5. Harendra Nath Das.
6. Hoshani

4. M. Shop.

1 Upen Mukerji
2. Golam Rasul.
3. Anada Das
4. Jatindra Das
5. Abdul Syed
6. Panchanan Karmakar.
7. Gopal Ch. Shom.
8. Ramesh Ch. Sil.
9. Bhupendra Dasgupta.

5. Chemical.

1. Ranjit Ghosh.
2. Harekrishna Show,

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7. Satish Ch. Bose.
8. Tarapada Das,
9. Debiprasad Ghosal.
10. Ramesh Ch. Das.

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CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector

of D. D. S. B. Calcutta, dated 19

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	Upen Mukherjee + Bankim Routh Treasurer – Kalidas Khasnabis. The list of the elected Committee members is appended below. The meeting ended at 9/5 P.M. Submitted A Mullick 28/4	29/4

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	resolved to send a memorial to ~~the~~ Govt. of Bengal to release their president as they all knew that he had no political connection. They all should be united and try to increase the number of members of their Union. The following were the office bearers elected for the current year:— President — Prof. Humayun Kabir (not present at the meeting) Vice-presidents:— Manmohan De Nikunja Mohan Banerjee Satish Chandra Bose. Secy. — Dhirendra Lal Chatterjee Asst. Secy — Santosh Bose Sachin Ghose Rajen Das Sharma	W. O. to note 29/4 Noted. 30/4 29/4

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	Rajendra Deo Sharma protested the speech of Ranajit Lahiri and said that Dhiren should not be called an outsider as he was connected with the factory for a pretty long time. Resolutions were adopted 1) demanding the re-instatement of Dhirendralal Chatterjee, Parimal De, 3 Mohammadan workers of the Machine Shops dept, and 3 workers of the Chemical dept., 2) demanding Pujah Bonus for Sachin Rudra and Motilal Chatterjee (3) demanding an increase of War Bonus to Rs10/- per head and 4) a general increment. The president informed the audience that their president Nabojyoti Burman was under arrest. They all ~~[illegible]~~	

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their Puja Bonus. The reasonable grounds for all these punishments are not known. They should have all their demands fulfilled through their union. They should also try to ~~in~~ have their War Bonus increased. cd -

Ranajit Lahiri said that in electing their Secretary, they should be very careful in electing a proper person. Dhiren Chatterjee was ~~to~~ no more in their factory and so it was not desirable that an outsider be elected in this office ~~and~~ as it would not be possible for him to make himself ~~ac~~ acquainted with the ~~[illegible]~~ difficulties of the workers which might happen inside the factory.

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	Dhirendra Lal Chatterjee said that he and Parimal De had been dismissed. The authorities were trying to bring ill-fame on the Union and were not behaving well with the workers. The policy of running the factory was faulty. The gate-search system which was recently introduced ~~was faulty~~ should be stopped as it was insulting for the workers. The Union should be responsible for ~~any~~ theft of any articles by their members. Azizuddin, Khurshed and Abdul of the machine shop dept. had been dismissed for absenting themselves from their work for three days only. Some of the workers were deprived of	

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acquainted them with the annual Balance Sheet of the Union. At the pressure of the Union, the Coy. had improved the system of granting them the War Bonus to certain extent. He condemned the gate search-system which had recently been introduced by the authorities owing to some theft in the factory for which the workers were not at all ~~liable~~ responsible. Their strike in July last ended in success. Dhirendra lal Chatterjee, Parimal De, 3 Mohammadan workers of the machine shop deptt and some workers of the Chemical deptt. had recently been dismissed without any reasonable ground.

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From Sub Inspector D. N. Mullick

of ~~D. D.~~ S. B. Calcutta, dated 29th November 1942.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	General Election meeting of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union at Mahabodhi Society Hall, College Sq. on 28.11.42. Under the presidency of Srikunja Mohan Banerjee, the General Election Meeting of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union was started at the Mahabodhi Society Hall at 7/15 p.m. on 28.11.42. with an audience of about 250 workers of Maniktolla and Panihati branches of Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works Ltd. At first Monmohan De read out the annual report of their union and also	DC, 2 Perusal The General Election meeting of the B.C. Mazdoor Union where office bearers & Ex. members were elected and some demands were formulated after discussing their grievances. STV? A. Sinha 29/11 RB 29/11 29/11

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Bengal Chemical Majdur Union

At the annual general meeting (250) of the B.C.P.W. workers of Manicktala and Panihati held on 28.11.42 at the Mohabodhi Society Hall under the presidentship of Nikunja Mohan Banarji, the speakers ventilated the grievances of the workers, particularly the dismissal of a number of them. Monmohan De referred to the success of their last strike in July (1942) and ~~[illegible]~~ also deprecated the revival of the Gate-search system by the factory authorities. Dhirendra Lal Chatarji (dismissed employee) urged the workers to make efforts to have an increase in the war bonus. Ranjit Lahiri ~~[illegible]~~ opposed the election of Dhirendra Lal Chatarji as Secretary of the Union as he is no more in the Co., while Rajendra Das Sharma protested against Ranjit's remarks.

~~Resolution was passed~~ The President announced that their president Nabajyoti Burman was in prison, for whose release they resolved to address a memorial to H.E. the Governor of Bengal, as they were aware that Nabajyoti had no political connection.

Resolutions were passed ~~[illegible]~~ demanding the reinstatement of Dhirendra Lal Chatarji, Parimal Dey, Azizuddin, Abdul, Khurshed and other dismissed labourers, the grant of a puja bonus for Sachin Rudra and Matilal Chatarji, ~~[illegible]~~ general increment, and an enhanced war bonus of Rs 10/- per head.

Office-bearers^xx were elected for the current year.

x President, Monmohan De, Dhirendra Lal Chatarji, Ranjit Lahiri, Rajendra Das Sharma,

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xx List

President - Prof. Humayun Kabir, M.L.C.

Vice-Presidents - Monmohan Dey, Nikunja Mohan Banarji, Satish Chandra Bose

Secretary - Dhirendra Lal Chatarji (dismissed worker).

Assistant Secretaries - Sachin Ghosh, Santosh Bose, Rajendra Das Sharma, Upen Mukharji and Bankim Roth

Treasurer - Kalidas Khasnobis,

and 44 executive members.

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গত ২৬শে সেপ্টেম্বর [illegible] হলে অধ্যাপক হুমায়ুন কবীর[illegible] বেঙ্গল কেমিক্যাল মজদুর ইউনিয়নের তৃতীয় বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভার অধিবেশন হয়। সম্পাদক কর্তৃক বার্ষিক বিবরণী পাঠের পর সভায় কয়েকটি প্রস্তাব গৃহীত হয়। সভায় সর্ব্বসম্মতিক্রমে আগামী বৎসরের জন্য নিম্নলিখিত ব্যক্তিগণ কর্ম্মকর্ত্তা নির্ব্বাচিত হন:—সভাপতি—অধ্যাপক হুমায়ুন কবীর, সহঃসভাপতি—ডাঃ মনোমোহন দে, শ্রীযুত সতীশচন্দ্র বসু ও শ্রীযুত শারেন্দ্রলাল চট্টোপাধ্যায়, সম্পাদক—শ্রীযুত শচীন্দ্রকুমার ঘোষ, সহঃসম্পাদক—শ্রীযুত সুরেন্দ্র চন্দ, [illegible]তন চ্যাটার্জ্জি, সুবোধ চ্যাটার্জ্জি, পূর্ণেন্দু[illegible] দাস ও বঙ্কিম রাউৎ; কোষাধ্যক্ষ—শ্রীযুত [illegible] চক্রবর্ত্তী। সভায় আগামী বৎসরের জন্য [illegible]শালী কার্য্যকরী সমিতি গঠিত হয়।

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